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1. A PERMREP CONTACT HAS TOLD US THAT THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) AT ITS MEETING ON JULY 18 DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS ON THE EC COUNCIL DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT THAT HAD BEEN POSED BY THE EC COUNCIL ECONOMIC WORKING
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GROUP. (SEE REFTEL A)

2. DISCUSSION ON THE TACTICAL PROBLEM OF HOW TO AGREE ON THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE WITHOUT GIVING AWAY THE EC'S INTERNATIONAL BARGAINING POSITION(SEE REFTEL A PARAS 3-5) WAS INCONCLUSIVE. THE FRENCH STUCK TO THEIR POSITION OF LIMITING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DIRECTIVE TO EC

PRODUCTS UNTIL A BALANCED SOLUTION IS FOUND WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. THEY

ASKED THE COMMISSION TO EXPLAIN WHY IT BELIEVES ARTICLES 113 AND 115 OF THE ROME TREATY (TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND SAFEGUARD MEASURES) PROVIDE SOME PROTECTION FOR THE EC IN CASE A BALANCED AGREEMENT WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IS NOT REACHED. THE COMMISSION IS PREPARING A RESPONSE.

3. COREPER AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD PREPARE A STUDY ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS (SEE REFTEL A PARAS 6 AND 7) AND THE COUNCIL ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP, ASSISTED BY NATIONAL EXPERTS, WOULD WORK WITH THE COMPLETED STUDY.

4. THE COREPER ASKED THE COMMISSION TO WORK UP A COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE OF THE NON-APPLICATION OF A DRAFT DIRECTIVE IN CASES OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THEIR COUNTRIES. (SEE REFTEL A PARA 8)

5. THERE IS STILL DISAGREEMENT OVER WHETHER THE MINIMUM VALUE OF A CONTRACT SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE SHOULD BE 150,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT OR 250,000 UNITS AF ACCOUNT. OUR CONTACT SAID THAT THE DELEGATIONS HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE PRESIDENCY (FRANCE) TO COMPROMISE AND A FINAL FIGURE OF 200,000 U.A. SEEMED POSSIBLE.

6. OUR CONTACT SAID THAT THE MAJOR PROBLEM LIKELY TO HOLD UP PASSAGE OF THE DRAFT DIRECTIVE IS WHETHER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR SHOULD

OR SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN ITS COVERAGE. THE STUDY THE COMMISSION IS

UNDERTAKING WILL TRY TO UNBLOCK THIS ISSUE. GREENWALD

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